

Millville BOE

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Dancing With the Staff

Julio Mateo

MILLVILLE, NJ- Congratulations to Mr. Matusz and Nina Scott for winning Dancing With the Staff 2014. The first runner-up couple was AJ Randall and Miss Clayton and second runner-up couple was Stephen Jones and Mrs. McCarthy. Also, congratulations to Ozzie Evans and Mrs. Procopio for winning Best Choreography and Best Costumes and Jessica Headley and Coach Porch for winning the People’s Choice Award.

Nina Scott and Mr. Matusz felt that winning Dancing with the Staff made them feel accomplished because not only did they put a lot of work into it, but they also got to participate in a fundraiser that raised money for the senior class. The inspiration for their routine was *The Great Gatsby* and they prepared by practicing their routine all day, every day. The most memorable part of their experience was meeting all the competitors for the first time and just working with everybody. The song they performed to was “A Lil’ Party Never Killed Nobody.”

The first runner-up couple, AJ Randall and Miss Clayton, felt that their inspiration for their routine was, “all about hip hop” and they prepared by not stressing out or thinking too hard about the dance so that they could focus better. The most memorable part of their experience was when the crowd was yelling and cheering for them when the curtains opened. The songs they performed to were “Look at Me Now,” “Baby,” and “Dark Horse.”

The second runner-up couple, Stephen Jones and Mrs. McCarthy felt that the inspiration for their routine came from their choreographer, Destinee Reif, and they prepared by watching inspirational YouTube videos. The most memorable parts of the experience



for them included seeing the people performing, seeing who was involved in helping, and working with their choreographer. The songs they performed to were “Thriller,” “Cat Daddy,” “Bounce it,” “Gas Pedal,” and “Animals.”

The winners for Best Costumes and Best Choreography were Ozzie Evans and Mrs. Procopio. They felt that the inspiration for their routine was Michael Jackson. They prepared by practicing the dances every chance they had. The most memorable part of the experience for them was doing shadow dancing to Michael Jackson songs. The songs they performed to were “Smooth Criminal,” “Too Bad,” “You Rock My World,” and “Thriller.”

The winners for the People's Choice Award were Jessica Headley and Coach Porch and they felt that their inspiration came from the songs they chose because it encouraged them to dance better and stay focused. They prepared by practicing twice a week. The most memorable part of their experience was winning the People’s Choice Award because they were glad that everyone liked their performance the most. The songs they performed to were “Staying Alive” and “Boy Oh Boy.”

Congratulations to all who participated in making Dancing With the Staff a success and helping the Senior Class raise money for the memorable activities to come.



Holly Ball

Brittany Read

MILLVILLE, NJ – Holly Ball was a formal dance that took place at the Motor Sports Park in Millville, NJ, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The event was from 6:30 to 10:30 with approximately 170 people in attendance.

Holly Ball consisted of food, pictures, a photo booth, dancing, a dj, and gorgeous decorations. Sounds fun, right? Well, that’s what most students said that attended the dance.

Mrs. Delp, who is in charge of Student Council, said that twice as many students attended this year than last year. The reasons for the increased attendance were due to a combination of factors such as the date

change, the location change, and opening up the dance to ninth graders.

The date was changed due to the holiday. It was hard to pay for Holly Ball tickets when students were already spending money on loved ones. Also, the date change allowed for a celebration at the end of one semester and the beginning of the new one.

A new attraction at this year’s Holly Ball was the photo booth. This was sponsored by the PTSAs from both Memorial and the Senior High. Another attraction that was well-liked was the DJ.

Brooke Muhlbaier, a sophomore, attended the event with her boyfriend Jake Todd. She wore a white and gold dress from Forever 21. She said, “The props were really good for the photo booth,” and, “I had a good time with my friends and dressing up.”

Abby Damico, a senior, said, “It was great. The DJ was really good, the food was good, and I had a great time.” Since she is a senior attending her last Holly Ball she said that she wished that more seniors would have attended, but that it was the best Holly Ball she has attended by far.

Aspen Jamison, a junior, liked the dance, but said it could have been better. She seemed most impressed by the food as she stated, “The food was really good!” Aspen also commented on how pretty the decorations were.

Overall students that attended the event enjoyed themselves and now it is time to start looking forward to next year’s Holly Ball!





# DECA Competition

Tex Rodriguez

MILLVILLE, NJ- DECA is an academic club for students. It focuses on marketing, management, finance, and hospitality.

A group of students from our school recently went to compete at the state conference. The state conference is for students who have advanced in the regional category to further their skill set.

Kyle Permuy won an award for achieving an outstanding test score. Nick Makos also won 1<sup>st</sup> overall in his event.

This competition was meant to showcase the varied and diverse skills in the business world the students had perfected. The students worked very hard to impress the judges.

The DECA program itself is meant to prepare students for careers in the real world. Students have to be able to handle real pressures and time limits.

The fact that the students advanced past the preliminary regional round is a success in itself. Regional competitions often knock unprepared students off the roster for states.

Winning at the state level is also a great achievement to those students that accomplished it. Most state competitions are designed to be more difficult than the previous competition.

DECA is also available at the collegiate level. It is quite the prestigious achievement to be involved.

Mr. Sharp, the program advisor, expressed much pride in his students. Nick Makos will also be moving on to the next round of competition.



## McTeacher Night Chick-fil-A Spirit Night for the classes of 2016 and 2017



McKenzie Springsteadah  
MILLVILLE, NJ- On Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> the McDonald’s on High Street hosted a McTeacher Night fundraiser to benefit the PTSA with the proceeds going towards Project Graduation.

The evening raised \$415.95 during the three hour period from 5pm to 8pm.

Teachers and other staff members volunteered an hour of their time and worked various jobs such as greeters, cashiers, and drive-thru workers.

Mrs. Siniavsky was serving drinks and working the cash register. Her favorite part of the experience was working with the kids. She felt privileged to help out the senior class. “Working together to raise money and help the Thunderbolts” brought back high school memories for

Ms. O’Donnell filled soda and put the lids on all the drinks. She also said that her favorite part of the experience was working with the kids. “I really enjoyed helping the senior class; they are a great group of kids.”

Miss Gaunt was in charge of serving and taking care of the ice cream machine. Her favorite part of the experience was working with the students and getting to know them in a different setting. She’s very excited for the senior class this year and wishes them the best. Working with the kids brought back memories from high school and college.

Thanks to all who participated in making McTeacher night a great success and raising money for the senior class.

Madelyn Fuscellaro

MILLVILLE, NJ- On March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm Chick-fil-A in Vineland, NJ hosted a fundraiser to support the students of Millville in the sophomore and freshman classes.

The fundraising process was relatively simple. During the hours of 5-8pm the classes received a percentage of the sales from people who had the flyers, which were handed out at both Memorial and the Senior High. For many students it should have been an even better reason to go to Chick-fil-A besides when they get those random

cravings.

Spirit Night was raising the money for the sophomore and freshman class accounts. Also, the sophomores are trying to raise money for the \$500 down payment for their junior prom. Unfortunately, the Chick-fil-A fundraiser only raised \$20.00; they are looking into more ideas for fundraising money for both classes. If you have any ideas please forward them to your class advisor or class officers.



## Sign Language Club

Julio Mateo

MILLVILLE, NJ- The American Sign Language Club is in its second year at Millville Senior High School.

Monica Miller, an eleventh grade student, was inspired to start this club by her friend, Samantha Miller. Monica made all of this happen at the end of last year as a part of her work towards a congressional medal award. Monica said that her favorite parts of the Sign Language Club are signing songs and meeting new people.

Katrina File’s favorite activities so far have been signing different songs, getting to express her feelings, and having an outstanding teacher. Katrina stated, “Even if you mess up, you have friends to help you out and it’s really laid back.”

Ms. Chester is the advisor responsible for holding the meetings and being the leader for the outstanding students in this club. She is very proud to have a club where everyone is equal and all mem-

bers feel included.

The meetings are held on Mondays after school in the library from 2:15 until 3:30. Generally the members learn how to sign songs, learn gestures, and work on vocals.

If a student is interested in more information or in joining the club, he or she should go to the library after school on Mondays or see Ms. Chester.

## PBSIS Rally

Cesar Ramirez

MILLVILLE, NJ- Millville Senior High School held its first pep rally of the school year, which was full of dunks, cookies, tug of war, and teachers getting pies in their faces.

The pep rally was supposed to be held on the last half-day of the semester, but due to inclement weather it was pushed back to Friday, February, 7<sup>th</sup>.

The pep rally was to get students motivated for the new semester and to have a good time.

It all began with a showdown between the sophomore and junior classes in a tug-of-war, and the juniors won. Next, the seniors faced the staff team and the seniors won. Then the juniors and the seniors faced off and the seniors dominantly defeated the juniors.

Afterwards the cookie challenge was held. This involved teams of four members that represented the junior, senior, and sophomore classes and a teacher group who tried to see how many cookies they could get from their foreheads into their mouths without using their hands; it was very tough. Some contestants didn’t even get one to drop in their mouth, but senior, Abby Cossaboon, won after getting four cookies into her mouth.

Following that was the ping-pong ball challenge. Groups of two would come up and one person would toss a ping-pong ball to the teammate and the teammate would have to catch that ball with two lint rollers. Brandi Toso won by catching 5 ping-pong balls with the two lint rollers.

Next was the main event, the dunk contest. The contestants were Austin Higbee, Kelvin Tull, Paris Patterson, Coach Craig, Benjamin Pierce, and Isiah Kates-Gould. Some of the contestants that really punched it in the hoop were Kelvin, Paris, and Coach Craig.

Paris said that he thinks he won, but it wasn’t actually judged and was more of an exhibition event. Paris had a closed-eyes, one-hand jam and then Coach Craig did a cradle dunk.

At the end of the rally, staff members had a pie eating contest, which Mr. McCarthy won.

Overall, it was a good time and the students left with a broad smile ready to tackle the new semester.





# Washington DC trip

Jeaneya White & Eva Romero

MILLVILLE, NJ- On March 28, 2014, the History and AVID departments hosted a trip to Washington DC.

The history department went to see the Lincoln Memorial, the World War 2 Memorial, the White House, the Natural History Museum, and the American History and Culture Museum. The AVID department visited the Air and Space Museum, the Natural History Museum, and took a tour of the Capital Building.

Everyone had a different part of the trip as their favorite.

David Flores who was with the history department said his favorite part was, “the bus ride.”

Cole Randal, who was with the AVID students, said that his favorite part was, “hanging out with the teachers outside of school.”

Emily Simone, another AVID student, said her favorite part was, “visiting the Capital Building.”

Curtis Jones, who was with the history department, said his favorite part of the trip was, “stopping at the Maryland House.”

Noah Johnson, another student that was with the history department enjoyed, “all the museums and eating the food.”

Jeaneya White, an AVID student, most enjoyed “hanging out with Mr. Headley and Mr. Branin,” on the trip.

Washington DC is a great place to go!



## Unplugged

Jeaneya White

MILLVILLE, NJ- After being rescheduled three times due to inclement weather, the Unplugged show was finally held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Little Theater.

Some of the people performing included Mr. Clementi, Zachary Westcott, Elizabeth Sooy accompanied by Mrs. Gnatz and Mr. Vorndran, and Jaggar Pettit’s band.

Zachary Westcott sang an original song that he wrote himself called “You Are Not a Lone Soldier.” He said to prepare he did, “Nothing. I actually just got out of the recording studio.”

Zach added about his performance, “It makes me feel accomplished that people like my music.”

Elizabeth Sooy sang “King of the Road” by Roger Miller with Mr. Vorndran. She also sang “Say Something” by A Great Big World and Christina Aguilera. She said she chose those songs because “Mr. Vorndran asked me to sing “King of the Road”, and Mrs.

Gnatz wanted to do a duet.”

To prepare she said, “We practiced a lot before the snow storm and only once after.” She added that performing makes her feel really good, and she likes the adrenaline.

Jagger Petit and his band, including members Tommy Harris, Zach Brown, Tanner Duskie, and Cody Hand, sang “Pompeii” by Bastille, “99 Red Balloons” by Gold Finger, and “Come Together” by The Beatles.

He said that he and his band chose those songs for different reasons, “We chose ‘Pompeii’ because it’s newer and I liked it, and the other band members wanted to sing ‘99 Red Balloons’ and ‘Come Together.’”

Jagger said to prepare they just practiced together. He added that it feels awesome to perform and that the crowd was amazing.

If you missed Unplugged, you can still catch the Guitar Club at the Spring Coffee House!



## Teens for Jeans

Clay Dobson

MILLVILLE, NJ - The National Honor

Society sponsored a Teen for Jeans event at Millville Senior High School. Students participated by donating old jeans to be given to the needy.

Between 2.3 and 3.5 million Americans experience homelessness annually. Included in that group are more than 1.5 million teens and children. People entering a homeless shelter often don’t have more than the clothes they’re wearing.

In fact, the number one item that young people request when they visit a homeless shelter is a pair of jeans – jeans can be worn multiple times before washing and are an important item of clothing to help everyone fit in.

For the seventh year in a row, Aéropostale and DoSomething.org are partnering to run the largest jeans drive in the nation.

By organizing drives in their schools and communities, teens collect gently used jeans to drop off at their local

Aéropostale store.

Each store is paired with one or more local homeless shelter(s) to distribute the jeans to teens in need. Over 1,000 shelters across the U.S. and Canada will be participating!

National Honor Society Member Nicole DeVol, a senior, said “The Teens for Jeans program is a great cause and it really makes you acknowledge and appreciate the pants you put on each and every day because not everyone has that luxury.”

In today’s society, poverty is extremely high. “A program like this really helps out and gives some assistance,” said Ting Ting Zheng, another senior and National Honor Society member.

The specified months that Teens for Jeans donation drive took place were January and February. The 2013/2014 NJFEA Service Project is encouraging students to spread the word!

It is clear Teens for Jeans is a good cause. There are many luxuries we ignore in our life, but one thing everyone should have, most would agree, is pants.



## Senior Trip

Eva Romero

MILLVILLE NJ- From March 8, 2014 to March 11, 2014, the Senior Class of 2014 was in Disney World for the annual senior trip.

Seniors departed from Philadelphia International Airport flying on Southwest Airways at 7:00am to Orlando, Florida, where they arrived at 9:45am.

After quickly checking out the Disney All-Star Resort where they were staying, the group traveled to Hollywood Studios. Following a period of free time in the park, the group met back up to watch the amazing Fantasmic show, which concluded the first day’s activity.

Day 2 started with a group photo followed by a visit to Magic Kingdom. Students had a day to spend at Magic Kingdom until 11:00pm when they had to head back to the hotel.

Day 3 started with Animal Kingdom where everyone departed to explore the park. Students all met up at 2:00pm to head back to the hotel to get in the pool until 7:00pm. Then they were entertained by jousting at Medieval Times.

Day 4 brought the trip to a close after a visit to Epcot. After Epcot students boarded buses and headed to the airport to go back home.

According to Jayla Castro, “Disney was so fun. There were too many favorite memories to remember, but Magic Kingdom was the best.” She also said, “I definitely enjoyed myself and I definitely recommend the trip to upcoming seniors.”

Stephen Jones’s favorite memory was, “chilling in the resort.” He said, “I enjoyed the whole trip except for Medieval Times.”

Tyler Harris explained, “My favorite memory was on the train ride in Magic Kingdom with Eva.” He said, “I also enjoyed the warm weather.”

Senior trip is worth every bit of money and memories are made that will last a lifetime.





# January Students of the Month

Dylan Smith

MILLVILLE, NJ – January is over, and the Students of the Month have been chosen! This month, the Millville staff nominated 12 students to receive the award.

Representing the World Language department is junior, Kate Reed. Receiving the award for the Mathematics department is senior, Nicki Read.

Representing the Physical Education department is sophomore, Alex Bruman, and for Health is sophomore, Tiernan Cuesta

The two students receiving the award for the English department are Nahzeer Brooks-Jones and Anjanique Kent. Anjanique said that she is very happy she was Student of the Month for January. Her advice for students is to just “do your work.”

For the Business Technology department is sophomore, Charity Jones. She said she felt good when she won the award. Her advice for aspiring students is to “try as hard as you can and do the best that you can do.”

Sophomore, Jacob Harris receives the award for the Science department. He said “I didn’t even know I got it, but I felt good when I found out.” His advice for other students is to “Stay in school!”

Representing the Social Studies department is junior, Brandon Buckmon, and junior Tyler Barker took the award for the Industrial Technology department.

For the Art department sophomore, Chloe Chain was nominated, she said “I

didn’t expect it at all; I usually don’t get things like that.” Her advice is to just try as hard as you can and put in your best effort.

Representing the Music department is senior, Elizabeth Sooy. She says that she was happy when she got it and she was not expecting it. Her advice is to just “try your hardest.”

Congratulations to all of the Students of the Month for January.



The final student of the month for February was sophomore, Chelsea Smith who received the award for the Social Studies department. She did not even know she had received the award, but she did feel great when she discovered the news. Her advice to others was to simply “try your best and listen to the announcements.

Congratulations to each of the Students of the Month and good luck to many others for the month of March.



# February Students of the Month

Dylan Smith

MILLVILLE, NJ – February has ended and March has begun! The 12 Students of the Month for February have been chosen!

For the World Language department junior, Emanuel Melendez was recognized.

Senior, Jessica Pettit was nominated for the Mathematics department. She said that she was shocked that she was chosen. She advised aspiring students to “work hard and do all that you are supposed to do.”

Nominated for Physical Education was senior, Rusty Horton, and for Health was sophomore, Delaney Sheppard.

Sophomore, Justin Woolbert was recognized for the English department along with senior, Gabriela Cuadra. Gabriela said that she felt happy, since English is not her forte. Her advice for others is to just “try your best, because you never know what could happen.”

Jennifer Quintana,a senior, was nominated for the Industrial Technology department.

Senior, Laura Nyanankpe was recognized for the Art department. She felt very excited when she found out that she had received the award. She advises her peers to “keep trying and do your best of your abilities.”

For the Science department, junior, Samantha Kwasnicki received the award. She said that she didn’t even know what the Student of the Month was.

# Women’s Club Student of the Month



accomplishment because someone was watching her and admiring her achievements and efforts.

Nicole is involved in the National Honor Society and the Torch (Yearbook). She also has a high GPA of a 4.1 and next year she plans to go to Fullsail University where she is majoring in Journalism.

Madelyn Fuscellaro

MILLVILLE, NJ- Nicole Delvicario was the Millville Women’s Club Student of the Month for January.

Nicole was awarded with Student of the Month because someone must have nominated her based on her many achievements and community service activities including her volunteer work for the Kiwanis Community Breakfast and a Pearl Harbor Day wreath lying.

Nicole said that being honored with this award gave her a sense of



shaking, Mrs. Keefer discovered she was awarded Teacher of the Year.

“I was overwhelmed,” she said. “I was in shock.”

Right out of college, Mrs. Keefer started teaching. Beforehand, though, Mrs. Keefer worked with teens and children at summer camp(s).

Throughout her 18 year career she has taught multiple levels of English, Mythology, Speech, and Journalism. In addition, Mrs. Keefer currently is the Instructional Curriculum Coach, and has worked on several musicals and Dessert Theater. Mrs. Keefer was the perfect candidate for such a deserving award.

Mrs. Keefer says introducing new subjects and watching her students discover new ways of learning, and the creative aspect of teaching are the best things about teaching.

Clay Dobson, Ashley Jones, Juliene

# And the Award Goes to...

Kelsey Patrick

MILLVILLE, NJ- After emerging from a meeting in Mrs. Procopio’s office

Lore, and Russell Cox, who are past and present students of Mrs. Keefer, all agree that Mrs. Keefer kept learning interesting, that she was very caring ,and, as described by Cox, is “wonderful.”

While many students have learned from Mrs. Keefer, she also has learned from them and her coworkers. Mrs. Keefer said, “ From the high school students, I have learned that there is always a new way to approach something, whether it be in English, acting, or life.” She added, “ I am amazed and humbled by the knowledge, creativity ,and dedication our teachers have here at MSHS.”

Mrs. Keefer notes for anyone interested in pursuing a career in theater that he or she must prepare extensively. She said to prepare for auditions and to prepare for rejections. She also added that a person must be a hard worker as the arts can be a very unforgiving field, but at the same time can also be uplifting.

Advice Mrs. Keefer had to new teachers, or future teachers, would be to ask for help and to admit when you’re in need of it. She added that when she first started teaching she suffered through some “stressful” situations, but was lucky enough to be surrounded by great teachers who were willing to guide her to be the best teacher she could be.

Teacher of the Year? More like teacher of the universe! Mrs. Keefer touches the lives of her students and those around her constantly by offering both security and knowledge.



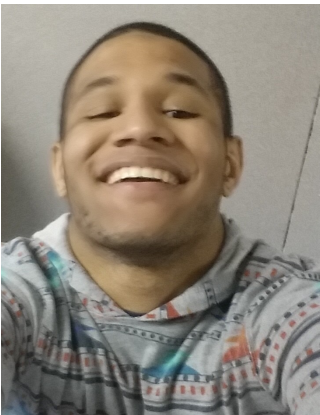
# Senior Spotlight

Greg Hennis

MILLVILLE, NJ



Name and Nickname: Madelyn “Maddie” Fuscellaro.  
Interests: Putting puzzles together.  
Favorite song: “Drunken Love” by Beyoncé.  
Post-grad plans: Community college, then transfer to Rutgers.  
Dream job: Oncologist.  
Favorite memory: Meeting new friends.



Name: Justin Canon.  
Interests: Xbox, wrestling, and running.  
Favorite movie: *Lone Survivor*.  
Post-grad plans: Going into the Marines.  
Dream job: US Marine.  
Favorite memory: None.



Name: Cesar Ramirez.  
Interests: Football.  
Favorite movie: *Love and Basketball*.  
Post-grad plans: Michigan University.  
Dream job: NFL Coach for the Jaguars.  
Favorite memory: Impersonating Alonzo Johnson.



Name: Ting-Ting Zheng.  
Interests: Reading.  
Favorite movie: *Pitch Perfect*.  
Post-grad plans: College to become pharmacist.  
Dream job: Pharmacist.  
Favorite memory: Washington, D.C. Trip.



Name and Nickname: Zachary “Zach” Steelman.  
Interests: Basketball and golf.  
Favorite movie: *Caddy Shack*.  
Post-grad plans: Community college, then transfer to Drexel.  
Dream job: IT/Network Security.  
Favorite memory: Computer Science class.



Name: Johnisha Milledge.  
Interests: Cheerleading.  
Favorite movie: *Forrest Gump*.  
Post-grad plans: College for radiation therapy.  
Dream job: Radiation Therapist.  
Favorite memory: Going to Paris, France.



Name and Nickname: Ashlin “Ash” Springstedah.  
Interests: Cooking.  
Favorite movie: *Tangled*.  
Post-grad plans: Widener (for Nursing).  
Dream job: Nursing.  
Favorite memory: Swim team.



Name: Patrick Powell.  
Interests: Camping and video games.  
Favorite song: “Indestructible” by Disturbed.  
Post-grad plans: 4-year college, then enter the Army.  
Dream job: US Army Ranger.  
Favorite memory: Ms. McManus getting pied in the face.



Name and Nickname: Sabrina “Sabribri” Laportez.  
Interests: None (works a lot!).  
Favorite artist: Rihanna  
Post-grad plans: Going into the military, then Stockton.  
Dream job: Registered Nurse.  
Favorite memory: Gaining new friends.



Name: Lauren Simpkins.  
Interests: Hanging out with friends/family.  
Favorite movie: *Rent*.  
Post-grad plans: Go into nursing.  
Dream job: Registered Nurse.  
Favorite memory: Hitting Greg with a paddle in gym class.



Name and Nickname: James Burlew.  
Interests: Photography.  
Favorite movie: *Saving Private Ryan*.  
Post-grad plans: Going to school to be an auto mechanic.  
Dream job: Photographer.  
Favorite memory: Meeting new friends.



Name: Terron Mitchell.  
Interests: Sports and books.  
Favorite movie: *Django Unchained*.  
Post-grad plans: Attending a 4-year college.  
Dream job: Grammy-winning “triple threat” (Acting, Singing, Dancing).  
Favorite memory: MHS soccer and basketball.





# Roberto Rivera Signs to St. Augustine

Cesar Ramirez

MILLVILLE, NJ – Millville Senior High School’s own Roberto Rivera received a full scholarship to play baseball for Saint Augustine and recently signed his commitment to the school.

Roberto is a senior at Millville and plays bas-

ketball, baseball, and football. He is excellent in all that he plays, but obviously his true love is for baseball.

Roberto said that his expectations for the upcoming year are to win states, the conference, and make first team All-American.

Roberto added that last season he felt that the team did not meet the goals they expected of themselves and that it was an average season.

Although this season is in the forefront of his mind, Roberto also has his sights set on next year at St. Augustine.

He visited the school and said that the campus was beautiful. He added the school and the environment

were very nice and that he can’t wait to go back once high school is finished.

Roberto received the maximum scholarship possible at St. Augustine and will attend classes completely at the school’s expense.

Even though there were many other schools that wanted him to play for them including several local schools, he chose St. Augustine in North Carolina, which is the school farthest away from Millville to send him an offer.

Good luck to Roberto next year as he starts his collegiate career.

# Atlantic City Press Coach of the Year

Eva Romero

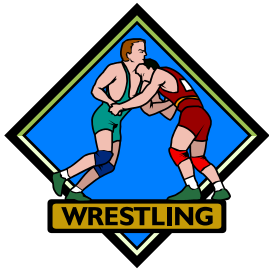
MILLVILLE NJ- Atlantic City Press selected Millville wrestling Coach, Scott Stay, as the Atlantic City Coach of the year.

According to Coach Stay, “It’s nice to be recognized for all my hard work.”

Coach Stay has been a wrestling coach for 16 years.

His favorite part about being a wrestling coach is, “seeing athletes grow and develop and having a good experience.”

# Wrestling Update



Eva Romero

MILLVILLE NJ- Millville’s wrestling team has improved a lot.

Coach Stay said,” We definitely improved from last year; we have the same record, but have advanced in play-off’s and attitudes have changed.”

Seniors Obi Kali and Ed Shockley said that they also believe that this year the team improved. Ed said,” There is more young talent on the team.”

First year heavy weight, junior, Curtis Jones has a record of 15 -6. His goal for the season was to

make it to states.

Senior Ed Shockley had a record of 30-0. Ed’s goal for the season was to break career record and to win states.

Last but not least, senior Obi Kali had a record of 25-4. His goal for the season was to place in states.

This year was the first time since 1998 that Millville has had a home playoff match. They beat Shawnee, but lost in the second round to Southern.

The next stop for the team is Districts on February 21, 2014 at Del-sea Regional.

Good luck to the wrestlers as they advance!



# Taekwondo

Tex Rodriguez

MILLVILLE, NJ- Taekwondo is a sport which requires an amazing amount of self-discipline and training. Injuries are quite common, and some athletes get injured in every match they enter.

Pre-existing conditions can also be aggravated by the extensive strain that this sport entails. Not everyone is cut out to be a martial artist.

Taekwondo is a recognized Olympic sport that is considered a martial art. This sport is extremely competitive, and its athletes are very well trained.

Points are scored by landing kicks on your opponent. Body hits are worth one point, while head hits are worth three.

Knockouts count as an automatic win. Extra points are also awarded for using spin techniques during a hit.

“It’s a sport everyone can do,” said Matt Roman. Roman is a national champion who went undefeated in his 2013 season.

He plans on becoming an Olympic competitor someday. He already competes at a high skill level.

The AAU is the association that controls amateur athletics and martial arts. The UST is the US Team, which is what most athletes strive towards.

To be a martial artist you have to have lots of self-discipline. You also have to set good goals for yourself.

Knowing your own limits is an important part of Taekwondo. Having a high pain tolerance is also suggested.

# Cassidy Gorgo signs to Concordia



Khaliq Ford

MILLVILLE, NJ - Cassidy Gorgo, a four year varsity player for our Lady Bolts Softball team, will be heading out to New York. Concordia University is getting a class A player, without a doubt.

While she will be playing softball for Concordia, she is also going to be studying pre-med. She was offered a partial scholarship to play softball.

Although Concordia wasn’t her only offer she said that she picked Concordia for its size. Cassidy cited that she liked how small the school was.

Now that she has signed with the school of her liking she said that it is a relief coming into this season. If she hadn’t signed and was unsure if she would still be playing after high school, it would have been even more stressful, but now she will be able to enjoy her final high school season. She said that she still plans to work just as hard as if she didn’t already commit to a school though.

Good luck to Cassidy on this season and at Concordia next year!



# NBA All-star Game

Khaliq Ford

Millville, NJ

The NBA All-Star game may be one of the most exciting things to watch if not the best. It’s full of crazy dunks, trick passes, and the centers shooting 3 pointers.

This year the East broke their three year losing streak to the West. The game continued as normal, the favorite dunk of the game was LeBron James’s crazy dunk

which came in the opening quarters, and set the tone of the game.

Paris Patterson and Devonte Woods, both seniors, enjoyed the game for one reason and one reason only: the Cleveland Cavilers, Kyrie Irving, who Devonte said that he liked because he won MVP.

Oklahoma City Thunders player, Kevin Durant was also a favorite “because he’s a beast and makes crazy shots,” Shawn Gibbs, a junior, said.

This All-Star game was a joy to watch once again with the East winning and the crazy dunks that everyone loved.

percent of their students.

Ed said that their football team isn’t bad either as they finished the season 8–4 overall, and 6–2 in division play.

He believes that he will not be going anywhere “for the next 4-5 years,” which means that he does not plan on transferring.

Best of luck to Ed as he advances academically and looks to compete on the collegiate level!



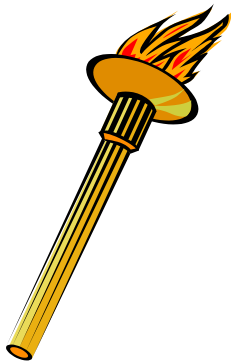
# Shockley Earns Full Ride to Villanova University

Khaliq Ford

MILLVILLE, NJ—Ed Shockley is one of the most athletic kids at Millville Senior High School, and there is no surprise that he earned an athletic scholarship. He is an outstanding football player, but also works hard in the classroom. In addition, he is one of the top wrestlers in the state of New Jersey. All in all, Ed’s a great athlete.

Ed chose Villanova for its “great football program and their educational opportunities.” Villanova graduates 88





## Firsts and Lasts

Greg Hennis

SOCHI, RUSSIA – Despite horrible living conditions for visitors, countless terroristic threats against the games, and the rumors of Russia rigging the games, the 2014 Olympics in Sochi were very up-and-down, having huge upsets and spectacular first-time occurrences. Needless to say, however, this is probably the last time for a while that Russia will be hosting the games.

The first Russian gold medal was earned in Olympic Men’s Skeleton won by Russian athlete Alexander Tretiakov, with a .81 second lead against Martins Dukurs of Latvia who won silver in the competition.

Matthew Antoine won bronze for the US; however, his teammate in the event, John Daly slipped out of the track at the start and from that point on Antoine knew it was over for him, and John had a mile of ice to think about his small mistake. Noelle Pikus-Pace won silver for the US in Women’s Skeleton.

Coincidentally, the US Woman’s Bobsled team was disappointed to hear that during the shipping of their equipment, the team’s bobsled was damaged.

On the other hand in Men’s Bobsledding, American, Steven Holcomb ended the 62-year medal drought in the 2-man bobsled this year despite his injured calf, and pulled in the bronze with Steve Langton. There’s no doubt if he hadn’t had to deal with an injured calf, they could’ve pulled in a gold medal. Last Winter Olympics, Holcomb ended the United States’s 62-year gold medal drought in the 4-man bobsled.

In Men’s Hockey things were looking up for the US in the beginning, maintaining a better record than Canada the entire Olympic season, and beating Russia early

on for a “modern miracle;” however, things quickly fell through. In the semi-final against Canada, the US lost 1-0 and were pitted against Finland, the team that eliminated Russia early on, for the bronze medal, and botched that game as well (probably out of frustration and disappointment), losing 5-0. Canada ended Sweden’s perfect record and won gold with a score of 3-0, leaving Sweden to take silver and Finland with bronze.

In Women’s Hockey, the US fared slightly better, taking home a silver medal after losing to Canada 3-2 in a huge upset game. The final Canadian goal was scored in overtime, with five Canadians vs. three US on the ice, thanks to a faulty call by the refs.

During these Winter Olympics, the US took home their first-ever Ice Dancing gold with a score of 195.52, thanks to the talents of Meryl Davis and Charlie White who won silver four years ago. The gold-takers of 2010, Canadian team Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, took silver in the event and were 4.53 points behind the US team.

Lastly, Ted Ligety became the first US male (and second US athlete) to have two gold medals in alpine skiing after he took home gold in Men’s Giant Slalom. The first US athlete to have two gold medals in alpine skiing is Andrea Mead Lawrence.

Russia ended the games with the most total medals; 33 medals comprised of 13 gold, 11 silver, and 9 bronze. The United States finished second in total medal count with 28 medals, having 9 gold, 7 silver, and 12 bronze. Norway placed third in total medal count having 26 medals comprised of 11 gold, 5 silver, and 10 bronze.

Although wildly controversial, these Olympic Games turned out to be some of the most well-played winter games to date. A lot of first-time medals were won, and a lot of huge upsets took place, leaving common placers in events behind in the dust. Hopefully the next Winter Games are just as good, with the host city capable of providing drinkable water and hotels that aren’t run-down or still under construction.



## Winter Track

McKenzie Springsteadah

MILLVILLE, NJ- The Winter Track team works hard together as a family every day to fulfill their many goals. They must really love the sport if they run in cold weather and endure tough

workouts.

Valerie Thaler runs the 400 meter race a lot. Her favorite workout is in the weight room. Also, her favorite weather to run in is warm weather. Valerie’s best friends on the team are Sammi Digiaccento and Rachell Armstead.

Alyssa Simpkins was supposed to be running Winter Track this year, but a concussion got in the way. She got it playing soccer. Alyssa hopes to be back by the spring season, and intends to keeps her goal of going under 2:20 in the 800 meter race before the end of the season. Another reason for her to enjoy track is because her best friends do it.

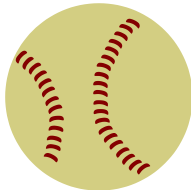
Sammi Digiaccento is one of the team’s high jumpers. She really enjoys the event as well as her team, which is more like a family. The best height she has jumped so far is 5 feet. Sammi hopes to reach 5 ft. 4in.

Dustin Sutton runs the 3200 meter race and 1600 meter race; he is a distance runner. He enjoys running a lot, and one of his goals this season is to go to the Easterns meet. Dustin said he prefers Cross Country season because his favorite workouts are long distance runs. His close friend on the team is Josh Pace.

Ryquell Armstead is a sprinter for the team. He runs the 55 meter race, the 200 meter race, and competes in the shot put events. Ryquell said that he loves the sport; it’s a hobby for him. His close friends on the team are Anthony Stubbs and Victoria Thaler.

Winter Track is a sport full of dedication and hard work. This sport brings people close together to motivate each other to reach their goals. A team like this becomes more of a family!

## Millville Softball



Clay Dobson

MILLVILLE, NJ- The Millville Senior High School softball team is preparing for the upcoming spring season. Led by Coach Dixon and recent Concordia University signee, Cassidy Gorgo, the Thunderbolts look to improve on their

15-8 season last year.

In addition to Cassidy, the other returning letter winners include Lauren Tobolski, Andrea Layton, Brittan-y Rivera, Kady Mae Makos, and Alexa Calareso.

Last season, the Thunderbolts compiled a 15-8 record, where they won their division, and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference. Coach Dixon expects an improvement from last season: “We should win the division again this year, and I expect us to take conference.”

According to Coach Dixon, the most difficult opponent will be, “St. Joseph (Hammonton) no doubt. We should face them in the conference final, they beat us last year.”

The Bolts are most certainly seeking redemption this year against St. Joseph. Sophomore shortstop, Kady Mae Makos, believes it’s the Bolts, “more consistent lineup with better hitters”, that’ll lead the Bolts to a win this season against St. Joseph.

Joining the Bolts this season are incoming freshmen Caroline Kruger and Summer Serbeck. Coach Dixon expects the two freshmen to make an “immediate impact.”

Along with these returning starters from last season and with the addition of two incoming freshman to the varsity squad, Coach Dixon said, “The transfers from

Sacred Heart should help bring out the best in everybody”.

In terms of who will captain this year’s softball squad, that question remains unanswered. It is expected that three seniors will be chosen.

To prepare for the upcoming season, Lady Thunderbolts senior Lauren Tobolski, who plays 1<sup>st</sup> base, said that the team worked on becoming better as a whole. “We practiced every day and worked hard as a team.”

Lauren, like others on the team, is a senior. She said she is most looking forward to, “A great season, with a conference victory and a state title would be nice.” Sounds like a picture perfect ending that the Bolts are more than capable of achieving.

Good luck to the Lady Bolts this season!

## Millville Baseball



Khaliq Ford

MILLVILLE, NJ-The Millville Baseball Team finished with a record of 11-12 last year, but this year should show a big difference with both the players and the coach saying they have a lot of young guys coming up this year, which should help the team out.

The Bolts had an early exit from the playoffs last year losing to Eastern who went on to win the Group 4

State Title. Some tough games the team is anticipating this season include a possible rematch against Eastern and the game against rival, Vine-land. But, the game that the team is looking forward to the most is actually the game against St. Augustine Prep. The Bolts beat them last year, and are looking to repeat.

“The team is expecting to take it all this year,” CJ Hope, a senior, said. He added that the chances of winning states are very high. Expectations are high right now as the team has a core of several seniors and a lot of young talent as well.

## The PSTA Volleyball tournament

Lauren Grier

MILLVILLE, NJ- The PSTA Volleyball tournament was held on Friday, March 21st. The event involved teachers and students worked together to win the volleyball tournament. The event was organized by Mrs. Cooper. The team “This Won't Take Long” took home the win.

“This Won't Take Long” was made up of six members: Kyle Cox, Kiara Brown, Mrs. Wescott, Ms. Machotka, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Varga. Kyle Cox and Kiara Brown were recognized during the morning announcements the Monday following.

The other team, “Bazinga,” said that although they didn't win, they definitely enjoyed the event.

"I would recommend this to other students because it was fun, and a good time," a member of “Bazinga,” Brendyn Vandymark, said.

Kiara Brown, a player of “This Won't Take Long,” agreed. "It was fun, and it's a good way to make friends, and be competitive."

Everyone had fun, and both of the team members, though rivals, would definitely do it again.





# Emblem3 Concert

Brittany Read

MILLVILLE, NJ – Emblem3 is currently on their first headline tour called #BandLife. This tour reaches out to their fans and features them as a new band in the industry. Some of their local venues on this tour included a stop in Upper Darby, PA on February 21<sup>st</sup> and another in Montclair, NJ on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The band consists of Keaton Stromberg, 17, Wesley Stromberg, 20, and Drew Chadwick, 21. Originally from Washington State, they moved down to Huntington Beach, California. They landed fourth place on the second season of US XFactor with Simon Cowell as their mentor, which launched their career.

The music consists of a mix of hip-hop, reggae, and alternative rock. They are known for composing, writing, arranging, and singing their own music, and they play their own instruments.

Before the #BandLife tour, Emblem3 opened up for Selena Gomez’s Stars Dance Tour this past year. They delivered one of the best opening acts in recent time.

The boys decided to call their tour #BandLife to express how tour life is with their fans. Every week an episode of #BandLife gets posted on YouTube for fans to watch. It is all about life on the road and the journey within their dream. This tour is all about the band lifestyle.

The first date of the tour was February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the House of Blues venue in Dallas, Texas. The last tour date is set as April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in O2 Birmingham Academy in Birmingham, Great Britain. The tour starts out in North America and then ends in Great Britain for the last four tour dates. The opening acts are MKTO and Jackson Guthy.

The band gave great performances at both of the local concert locations, the

first on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Tower Theatre in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania and the second on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wellmont Theatre in Montclair, New Jersey.

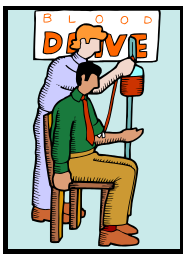
The concert consisted of almost all their songs from their new album Nothing to Lose and songs they had written before XFactor. They didn’t just sing; they also entertained the fans.

The band maintained a high energy level the whole performance, which even included skate boarding up and down a ramp. Unlike any other concert, they made the stage look like home and acted like their natural selves.

Friends of theirs came out for the song *Teenage Kings* on both nights because they are on tour with Emblem3. Emblem3 even came out for an encore and sang two songs before they left the stage for the closing of the concert.

My sister, my mom, and I, got a chance to meet the band members after the Upper Darby concert and before the Montclair concert. Each had friendly personalities and greeted us with huge hugs and Wes even gave us each a kiss on the cheek. They had music playing during the process and they danced with us before we took our picture. Wes, Drew, and Keaton are three friendly, real people. What you see from them is truly what you get.

Emblem3 has a long, successful future ahead of them and they are now looking forward to their new album, which they will release sometime soon!



## Blood Drive

Jeaneya White

MILLVILLE, NJ- On March 19, 2014, Millville Senior High School hosted the annual Spring blood drive. There were a total of 120 donors comprised of both students aged 16 and older and staff. Three hundred sixty lives will be saved from the 120 pints collected.

Ayla Rivera said she was inspired to donate blood because she knows her donation has the potential to “Save three people’s lives.” She added, “It hurt, but I’ll do it again.”

Samantha Kwasnicki, a junior, said she donated blood, “To save lives.” She also said that her experience was “good, until I passed out.”

Jaelen Grotti said that he was inspired because “the feeling of helping people made me feel like a better person.” When asked how his experience was, he said “Pleasant. The people were welcoming and knew what they were doing.”

Kevin Villalobos said that he was inspired to donate blood to “Help people that need it.” When asked about his experience, he said “It was relaxing.”

The donors had to take a mini-physical, which checked the donor’s temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin to ensure that it was safe for the donor to give blood.

Each year in the United States 15.7 million pints of blood are collected by the American Red Cross. There are around 9.2 million donors every year in the U.S.

Every 2 seconds in the U.S. someone needs blood. Around 41,000 people need blood every year.

The actual blood donation process typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour and 15 minutes.

The average adult has about 10 pints of blood in his body. Roughly 1 pint is given during a donation ([www.redcrossblood.org/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/)).

Thanks to all the people who donated! Look for the dates for the next blood drive in the fall if you’re interested in donating.

## American Dream Tour, Philadelphia

Kelsey Patrick

MILLVILLE, NJ- Fans filed into Philly’s famous concert venue, The Electric Factory, swarmed the merchandise booths, and made bee lines for the bathrooms before the first band, *Northlane*, a band based in Australia, kicked off the Philly stop on the “The American Dream Tour.”

The “American Dream Tour” was a two-months-long tour co-headlined by *Of Mice and Men* and *Bring Me the Horizon* that started on February 3rd in Orlando, FL and ended on March 28th in San Diego, CA. These bands are a part of the rock revival movement.

Lights flashed and the crowd rushed forward to fill in all spaces on the floor as the stage erupted into a lively musical picture show. *Northlane* performed a handful of songs to amp up the crowd. Screams of joy fueled by adrenaline mimicked the wailing guitars.

*Issues*, a crowd favorite, took the stage next, fueling the fires of collaboration with heavy rock music and turn tables. Tyler Carter, the front man for the band, hypnotized his fans with his enticing, unique voice.

After a riveting performance, *Issues* left the stage. Roadies then came out and prepped the stage for the two headliners: *Of Mice and Men* and *Bring Me the Horizon*.

The lights went down and for just a miniscule moment, the room silenced. In this small split second, the chaotic floor of the Electric Factory almost seemed calm.

*Of Mice and Men* ventured out on to stage and the crowd went wild. Every lyric of every song was sung at the top of everyone’s lungs. Austin Carlile, the band’s front man, captivated the throng of fans before him with ease.

After an invigorating set, *Bring Me the Horizon*, a band from the UK, started the final performance of the night. *BMTH* delivered a set that got consistently better as the night progressed. The band played their hearts out and their passion flowed endlessly throughout the room.

With eyes glued to their performance, the audience was captivated. Oliver Sykes hushed the crowd in the middle of a song and said, “Let’s put away the phones, and down the cameras, and live in the moment.”

Living in the moment - that’s exactly what the concertgoers and musicians were doing during the Philadelphia stop of “The American Dream Tour.”

## The Tattler Staff Spring 2014

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